

Armory Here?

Another bid for a National Guard armory in Torrance will be made when the Legislature convenes next month.

The Torrance armory, which would be situated on land donated by the city next to city park, is one of 45 on the Legislature's list, which also includes one at Gardena.



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Buddy of Sand-Slide Victim Tells Harrowing Experience

Have you ever thought how it would feel to glance up and see several hundred tons of sand rushing down on top of you?

Carl Dean, 47, of 2414 Pacific Coast Highway, had that once-in-a-lifetime experience Friday and barely escaped to tell about it.

Did his whole life flash before him in the traditional single instant during the fatal accident at Chandler's Potos Verdes Sand and Gravel company?

Dean, recounting the experience to his wife, Mrs. Margaret Dean, a receptionist-clerk for the Torrance Herald, said, "When I looked up and saw that sand, my first thoughts were of 'Newt' (Lester Newton, who was killed by the onrushing sand.)

"He was working about 10 feet up the slope from Eddie

(Hughes) and me," Carl recounted. "I had just enough time to shout 'Look Out!' Then it seemed like forever before my feet would move. But I must have gotten out of there fast. Just one more second would have been too late."

Did the treacherous landslide give any warning?

"When I heard it, it was right on top of the three of us. It was terrible. Seemed like the whole mountain was landing right in our laps.

"I ran, scrambled and plunged headlong down the hill, getting to safety just an instant before it hit with a terrific roar at the bottom.

"I saw that Eddie, buried to the waist, had made it all right, but I knew that it had got 'Newt' bad. I didn't see it hit him. But he was right in the center of the slide. He must have just had time to turn around when it struck," Carl said.

"I ran to summon help, but I knew that it was useless. There was just too much sand on top.

"The worst of my part of the experience was afterward. I was shaking like a leaf. I just sat there staring into space trying to control my emotions, thinking about 'Newt' and the close call Eddie and I had."



LUCKY . . . Carl Dean and Eddie Hughes, two sand pit workers who escaped being buried alive last Friday in a sand pit cave-in which claimed the life of Lester Newton, take time out for a cup of coffee during the 22 hours of digging to locate the entombed worker. — Herald Photo.

Burglar Gives Up Loot Taken In May, 1949

Sam Rauss, 708 Acacia avenue, long ago resigned himself to the loss of a \$75 watch, a \$165 shotgun, a dozen shirts, and other loot taken from his home in a burglary last May. But he was pleasantly surprised last week to receive a call from Hollywood police that a man registered there as Milton Stepany had admitted taking the watch, shotgun and shirts, as well as an overnight bag, a gold necklace and some whiskey.

In fact, he still had the watch, shotgun and shirts. The shirts were somewhat worn.

Local Woman Wins \$2000

Mrs. Dolores Young, 2321 Elmwood Drive in Theater, manager Jack Ricci announced yesterday.

Councilman Drale Named Roosevelt Chairman Here

Nick Drale, Torrance city councilman and Democratic stalwart, was named today as chairman of the James Roosevelt for Governor campaign in Torrance, by Edwin W. Sandison, 68th Assembly District leader.

Drale will be assisted by members of the district committee in addition to a group of Torrance Democrats who have already announced their support of James Roosevelt.

"Drale's task will be a pleasant one," Sandison pointed out, "as James Roosevelt has been endorsed by 68th Assembly District Democratic leaders."

Organization of the Assembly district is well under way, with Drale having attended several meetings. Meeting with other Roosevelt-for-Governor leaders Wednesday, Drale discussed the local situation at length.

John J. Johnson was named head of the Lomita campaign and John Dell'Acqua appointed chairman of the Harbor City group.

Walter Binns, San Pedro attorney, will establish headquarters in that city and James MacDonald will have charge of Wilmington.

Among the 68th District Democratic leaders present when Nick Drale was chosen Torrance Roosevelt-for-Governor head were Robert McCarthy, Kathleen McCarthy, Walter P. Greer, assistant campaign treasurer, Alfred Bachus, Mrs. Alfred Enchus, district secretary, Victor Colbary, Kenneth C. Beight, C. P. Myers, Anthony D. Sokolich, John Calise, John Dell'Acqua, Walter S. Binns, John R. Thomas, Coy H. White, Edwin W. Sandison, O. T. Satre, James MacDonald, C. Ed Jones, Andrew F. Bonalich, Harold Shapiro, Cecil O. Johnson and Leon Flynn.

Builders Ready To Start Big Home Project

Construction of the first 74 units in a 246-home tract near Western avenue and Lomita boulevard will be under way "in a matter of days."

Howard Lawson, project manager for Lakewood Properties, Inc., the developer, announced that work on the remainder of the homes would follow immediately, with completion of the whole tract in eight to 12 months.

Majority of the residences will be of the three-bedroom variety priced at about \$8650 each, including an automatic washing machine. The two-bedroom homes will sell for approximately \$8200, Lawson stated.

Located on both sides of Western and bisected by 247th street, the tract was originally planned to include 316 homes, but some of the lots were found unsuitable, Lawson said.

Of modern design, the residences will have redwood-fenced patios, oak floors, landscaping, and all will be equipped with automatic washing machines.

When construction is in full swing, the firm will be building four to six houses a day, Lawson said.

Lakewood Properties bought the land from home builders Joe Dunas and George Alexander last November. The first 74 homes will be started just as soon as final maps are recorded. They are expected to be completed within 50 working days, Lawson stated.

Cub Scout Pack To Be Formed

The Fern Avenue School P.T.A. will form a new pack of cub scouts at the school Friday at 7:30. It was announced yesterday. The pack will be open to boys between the ages of 8 to 11 who take their parents to the school at that time.



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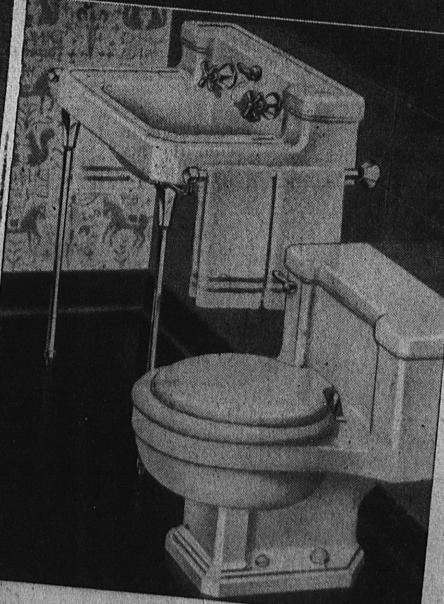
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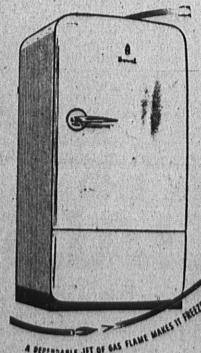
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